

Minutes  
**Allegan County**  
**SPECIALIZED SERVICE (Transportation) COMMITTEE**  
**ACT TRANSIT FACILITY**  
**Friday, January 17, 2020**

Present: Ashley Thomson (ACT), Dan Wedge (ACT), Ryan Kennis (ACT), Phyllis Yff (Interurban Transit), Tammy Chapin (Allegan County Mobility Specialist), Keith Behm (Allegan Co Resident), Judy Walczak (MI Works), Dawn Sellars (Ride Right), Holly Harvey (Disability Network/Lakeshore), Jo VerBeek (Evergreen Commons), Cathy Haas (Allegan County Community Mental Health), Sherry Owens (Allegan County Senior/Veteran Services), Anthony MacFadyen (Allegan Co Resident), Linda Escott (Allegan Co Resident), Andrew Iciek (Allegan Co Resident)

The Meeting was called to order by Dan Wedge.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 15, 2019**

Motion by Phyllis Yff, Seconded by Jo VerBeek, to approve the November 15, 2019 minutes as presented. Motion carried by everyone present.

**AGENCY/PROGRAM UPDATES**

**CMH:** Cathy shared that CMH is planning their 50 year anniversary for some time this year. CMH is moving into the Shopko building in a year and a half to two years. They are presenting their new values to the CMH board this month.

**INTERURBAN:** Phyllis shared that they have 2 new buses on the way. Funds have been approved for 2 propane vehicles. Interurban would like all drivers to have a CDL.

**FY2020 SPECIALIZED SERVICES REVISED ALLOCATION**

Jo asked if Gale Dugan was still on this committee? Dan shared that yes Gale Dugan has been reappointed to this committee for this year.

Dan shared that this year's budget received additional funding of a 17% increase which is about an \$18,000 difference. ACT will use the funds to provide additional senior and disability trips.

Motion by Phyllis Yff, Seconded by Sherry Owens, for ACT to accept the additional Specialized Services operating assistance and for ACT to use the funds to provide additional senior and disability trips. Motion carried by everyone present.

**REVIEW SPECIALIZED SERVICES FY2021 ANNUAL APPLICATIONS (HANDOUTS)**

The Specialized Services FY2021 Annual Applications were handed out. These documents are submitted online to MDOT but just wanted to share with everyone on what we do.

Dan explained each handout.

Cathy shared that Rose Wood is no longer with ARC. We should contact Stacy Engelsman from ARC.

### **UPDATE ON THE MOBILE APP AND RECENT CHALLENGES**

Dan shared that for the last year we've been working on this mobile app. Three transit agencies were piloting this project (BATA, Benzie and Allegan). The developer was bought out by a larger company and they have since then split. The larger company is willing to move forward with the project if the state will take on the software, own it, manage it and maintain it. The state isn't a software provider so they are hesitant about it. The state is looking for options to provide technical support. We are the only ones from the three transit agencies that is still interested. We might not be able to move forward with this project.

### **OTHER**

Dan shared that the County did a National Citizens Survey. The survey company selected 1700 addresses in Allegan County in 5 different jurisdictions to be mailed out too. There was an online survey for everyone else. The survey closed this last Friday. Dan shared that the County was hoping for 20% returned surveys but only received 18%. Of the 1700 surveys mailed out, 81 were returned. We received over 500 surveys from the online survey. A results report is due in February.

Andrew shared that his doctor would like him to walk 5 days a week but with funding cuts he can't do that except on the one shopping day he has with ACT.

### **NEXT MEETING DATE**

**The next Specialized Services meeting is April 17, 2020. The meeting will be held at the Transit Facility Building at 10:00 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted By Ashley Thomson